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■ TOP HAT CEREMONY

Seaway salute

MARYANNE FIRTH InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne tipped its hat to the marine industry last Friday — and the industry tipped it right back. The city held its annual

The city held its annual Top Hat ceremony at Lock 8 Park to usher in the shipping season and kick off the opening of the Welland Canal.
It's an event meant to signify Port Colborne's commitment to the marine industry and its appreciation for the industry's contribution to the local economy, Mayor Vance Badawev told the crowd.

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The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Thunder Bay was the first downbound vessel through the Welland Canal in Port Colborne on Friday. The ship's commanding officer, i.t. Jerry Smith Jr., was presented with the city's traditional top hat during a ceremony to mark the opening of the waterway.



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■ WELLAND CANAL: 62-year-old Newfoundlander harmed in Frontenac mishap

Lifeboat drill leads to injury



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A 62-year-old Newfoundland man who fell from a ship into the Welland Canal on Wednesday was taken to hospital and treated for hypothermia and a compound fracture to one leg said Niagara Regional Police. Police said he fell 8.8 metres from a lifeboat during a safety drill aboard the

Frontenac, a vessel owned by Canada Steamship Lines.

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - An operation to save lives is what led to a 62-year-old Newfoundland man sustaining serious leg injury when he fell from a ship into the Welland Canal last week.

The Frontenac had been docked for the winter north of the Clarence St. Bridge and its crew was conducting safety drills in preparation for the ship's departure with the opening of the Welland Canal last week, said Niagara Regional Police Det. Sgt.

Wavne Genders. A lifeboat was being lowered toward the water with crew members aboard shortly before 4 p.m. One of the lines tethering the safety boat to the ship jammed, Genders said, and caused the lifeboat to swing away from the Canada Steamship Lines vessel. As a result, the lifeboat tipped causing the man to fall between the lifeboat and the ship toward the water.

The crew members continued to lower the life hoat as soon as the incident happened and worked to get a life preserver to the fallen man. said Genders, one of the

responding officers. They got him out quickly," he said. The man was taken to hos-

pital and treated for hypothermia and a compound fracture to one leg after falling about 8.8 metres.

on the Welland Canal.

The man, whose identity has not been released by nolice, was taken to Welland hospital for treatment and later transferred to an unnamed trauma hospital. No update on his conditions John B. Aird.

A Transport Canada health and safety officer was called to the scene to investigate Wednesday.

"If any infractions with the Canada Labour Code Part II are identified, appropriate action will be taken, Transport Canada media relations adviser Pamela Mintern

"It would be inappropriate to speculate at this time as to the circumstances of this incident as we are at the initial

stages of the investigation." The incident that took place Wednesday is the second major shipboard injury that has taken place in

Port Colborne this year. In January, a 54-year-old man fell 9.9 metres from scaffolding inside the hold of the Algoma Central Corp. vessel

■ SEAWAY

Top hat dates back more than 150 years

About 50 people braved the elements to witness the age-old tradition bestowed annually upon the first downbound vessel to travel the

The symbolic gesture of oodwill arrived enclosed in a box, safe from the fluttering snowflakes falling from the

More than 150 years old, the lakeside city's signature top hat was retrieved with gentle hands as it was presented to Lt. Jerry Smith Jr.

The commanding officer of the U.S. Coast Guard's cutter Thunder Bay — travelling to its home port of Rockland, Maine - was taken aback by the offering as he placed it atop his head.
"This is a great tradition,

This is a great tradition. and as a sailor. Hove tradition"

Lt. Jerry Smith Jr.

and as a sailor, I love tradition," he told the crowd, expressing his appreciation for the moment. "This is something I'll defi-

nitely remember for the rest of my life." Badawey felt it fitting that the top hat, often awarded in the past to commercial vessels, be presented to the

Coast Guard ship. The U.S. Coast Guard works closely with its Canadian within the marine industry to ensure safe passage through the Great Lakes. lt only strengthens the

notion, Badawey said, that the ceremony is not only about sending well wishes for a prosperous season, but also about hoping for a safe voyage for the many crew members aboard the ships passing through the lakeside

And it seems those well wishes may be working. According to Benoit Nolet. manager of transit of the future at St. Lawrence Seaway

Management Corp., a prosperous season looks to be in the cards Seaway traffic has been on "upswing" since 2009, he told the crowd, anticipating the trend to continue.

competitive position, I am optimistic we will witness more than 40-million tonnes of cargo transit the Seaway in 2013*

Welland MP Malcolm Allen passed on words of advice from his father who came to Canada in 1963 as a shipwright.

Never cuss at a raised bridge, he said, "because when the bridge is up our economy is prospering He encouraged people to "take a moment to pause and smile" despite the delay a

raised bridge may cause, as the moment is positive for "For this season, let them be up more than be down."

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo Port Colborne town crier Thomas Pekar began the city's top hat ceremony on Friday with a proclamation and brief history

portraits

■ HEALTH CARE: More than 200 patients moved in about six hours

Historic move goes smoothly

GRANT LAFLECHE OMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES - When it was finally over, when the last patient had been moved, when the doors of the old bospital were closed for good, when the new one was humming with activity. Gloria Kain was at a loss for words "Well, I am pleased to

report there is nothing to report," said Kain, the outgoing Niagara Health System chief planning officer who led the new hospital project for years. "Everything went smoothly. Six hours after it began

Sunday morning, 222 patients had been transferred from three hospitals to the new facility on Fourth Ave. Although the NHS prepared for a variety of scenarios, trying to anticipate what could go wrong during the historic move, the carefully crafted contingency plans weren't needed.

"We have some minor issues, like needing more blankets for patients when they arrived. Things like that," Kain said. "When those things cropped up, we literally had hundreds of people working to deal with it. There were no major issues at all."

In fact, by noon, the transfer was ahead of schedule and the NHS slowed the pace down to keep things running The transfer began at 6 a.m.

with mental health patients from the St. Catharines General Hospital, along with those at the Niagara Falls and Welland hospitals, being moved to the new facility. By around 7:30 a.m., the NHS started moving the rest of the patients from the general hospital to the new hospital

The St. Catharines General Hospital's emergency room was closed at 6 a.m. at the same time the new one opened on Fourth Ave. The



Ambulances line up in front of the new hospital as patients were transferred to the St. Catharines site Sunday

JULIE JOCSAK QMI Agency Niagara

NHS reported the first ER the new hospital," she said patient arrived at the new excitedly, placing emphasis ER at 6:08 a.m. The first CAT on the word *new

scan on an ER patient was "We are out in the boonies performed by 8 a.m. in Port Colborne. We knew There were two other histhere was a new bospital, toric firsts Sunday morning. but I never expected I would

At 7:41 a.m., a baby girl was born at the St. Bain said the transfer was Catharines General, becomunusual, but she handled it ing the last child to be born well, in part because of local there. Then, at 11:45 a.m., med students who were on the first baby, a boy, was hand to help patients adjust born at the new hospital. to their new surroundings.

Waves of ambulances. "It was so nice to see the vans and other patientclean hospital and the nice transfer vehicles shuttled paint job," Bain said, contrastback and forth between the ing her new surroundings with hospitals. Patients had NHS the older facility in Welland. personnel with them during "It's much more modern and the trip, and were greeted comfortable here: by staff at the new hospital The NHS had allowed

who moved them to their for the transfer to take new rooms. as long as 10 hours, but it Among the patients was completed in about moved into the new facility six. At around 1 p.m., the was Pauline Bain, a kidney natient from Port Colhorne "I went to the Welland ER on Wednesday and was

admitted. I had no idea I

would be coming here to

doors to the St Catharines General were locked and the 143-year-old hospital officially retired.

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Pauline Bain from Port Colborne was transferred from the Welland hospital to the new St. Catharines hospital Sunday morning. With her is Kathy Hume, clinical manager of nephrology medicine

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Ourview

Abuse finish line feels too far away

deally, there wouldn't be a half marathon to raise money for Women's Place of South Niagara. Ideally, Women's Place wouldn't exist. Its shelters for abused women and children -- Nova House in Niagara Falls and Serenity Place in Welland--wouldn't need to rely on thousands of dollars raised

through a 21.1-kilometre run along the Niagara Pkwy. to help offset operating costs that totalled \$1.97 million in 2011-12. It's a sad commentary on society that women and children need to seek refuge from physical

and emotional abuse. But it still happens, and unfortunately it shows no signs of stopping anytime

That's why it's important not to forget about Women's Place after the Niagara Falls Women's Half Marathon wraps up June 2. About \$420,000 of the organization's operating costs

are donations from individuals, businesses and grants, Women's Place development manager Haley Bateman said. The rest comes from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services. The marathon event raised \$7,000 last year, its first

ever, and organizers are hoping to raise \$10,000 this time around. It's an important cause, and one that can save the

lives of women and children in danger. "It's really inspiring from a feminist perspective to talk about violence against women and violence in

the community," Bateman said. "It is that important to have us here." When Bateman arrived in 2009, Nova House (20 beds) and Serenity House (10 beds) were operating at 52% occupancy. That number has climbed to 89% the last two years. In 2011-12, 287 women and children used the

shelters for an average of 52 days. "It's tough to see we're full, but we're happy we're in

this area," Bateman said. "To see the clients every day and hear their stories, it's shocking."

Some of those stories will be told in 71 days when thousands of women and dozens of men lace up their shoes for the event. It will draw much-needed attention to an issue that needs more than money to

be fixed. When it comes to abuse, sometimes the finish line feels too far away.

"In a perfect world, we wish no one was here and we didn't have jobs," Bateman said, "(But) we're proud to be here for people and we're here for their families."

The Rest of the Story

REV. THOMAS P. ARTH First Evangelical Lutheran

This weekend a lot of people will go to church. Most of them will go on Easter Sunday, Besides Christmas this might be the day when churches see their highest attendance. It's a good thing and for good reason. This week is the centre of the church year. Christmas eets more hype but Easter is what the Christian faith is all about It's the reason for our faith. the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ The man who was dead conquered death and was brought back to life.

never to die again.

But there's more to the story. There's more to our worship. There's more to this Holy Week than Faster Sunday. If we only bear the Easter story we only get part. Holy Week starts the Sunday before Easter with Palm Sunday, The Bible story tells of Jesus' entry into Ierusalem to the cheers of the crowds. They welcomed him as a king. Depending on which gospel story you read, the people spread palm branches or their cloaks on his path. They cried out "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" A few days later Jesus

has his last supper with his closest followers. It is Maundy Thursday, The word "Maundy' comes from the same mot as the word "mandate" On the night of the last supper Jesus gives his disciples a new mandate. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" In worshin on this day some churches act out this command with a symbol of loving service by washing one another's feet as lesus did for his disciples on that night and by celebrating the Holy Meal that Jesus instituted with

his disciples on that night. The next day is Good Friday. I think just about every church going child, and probably a few adults. has asked the question, "Why Good?" The story of Good Friday is the story of Christ's death, a brutal death after being nailed to a cross and hung naked in shame. bleeding and suffocating to death. Why this day is called "Good" is a good question. It comes from the definition

and sense of the word good. meaning pious and holy. But it can also be considered "Good" Friday because it is the day when our Lord gave his life for the sins of the world, and for the love of us all. Our worship on this day is certainly subdued and austere, even somber, but it is also a celebration of the Triumph of the Cross.

Then we celebrate Easter Sunday. In our church the observance begins with a Suprise Service at our cemetery. We gather at 7:00 a.m., very often in the cold, among the graves. Easter is the promise of the resurrection, the promise that death is not the end, and what better place to celebrate than in a cemetery. It is a service of Holy Communion but a rather simple service owing to the fact that it takes place outdoors.

Later we gather in the church for a festive service where we null out all the stops. That phrase comes

from the practice of pulling out the knobs that control the airflow in a pipe organ. Pulling out all the stops is playing it full blast and Easter is a day when we literally do that. It's a day of absolute joy. The Psalm appointed for this day says, "This is the day that the LORD has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

I love Easter, I love the joy and celebration, But, for me, Easter loses some of its meaning without "the rest of the story," the rest of Holy Week. Our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, the whole story, are the basis of the life of faith. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." That is what we observe on Good Friday, the sacrifice of love that Jesus made for the world. On Easter Sunday we celebrate his vindication, the defeat of death, the message that death

is not the end There is more to come. Praise the Lord.

May your Holy Week observances bring blessing to you and may the story of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection enrich your

■ COLUMN

My very best idea, like ever!

some really had ideas in the past. The Wild Kingdom Birdfeeder with the video camera and mom for the cat in the back. The Hands Across The Arctic environmental protest (My thoughts still go out to those seven guys dressed as Shriners who bit the big one on Ellesmere Island.). I swear that "driver's seat methane gas converter allowing a man to self-fuel his vehicle by drinking beer and eating peanuts while he motored cross-country would have worked until MADD got

wind of it But wait. I've got this really

great idea. Honest, No. the rubber chicken is not on my shoulder as I write this and the Belmont won't even open for another hour Canada Day, July 1st is



14 weeks away. We - and by we I mean me and the other 29,999,998 in this country you are going to contact personally once you hear my idea - have plenty of time to create a birthday party that will go into the history books. I know we all love this

country more than fresh cut fries, Terry Fox and the Maple Leaf flag itself. Every year we get bigger and bolder in our celebrations on Canada Day with louder bands. more dazzling fireworks and more A-list celebrities. And

like Americans celebrating Independence Day We need, on this our 146th birthday, something purely Canadian, entirely unique, highly dramatic and more fun than a barrel of monkeys having a food

all Canadians of every age. colour and race unified for one magical hour, all attending the same party this upcoming July 1st holiday. Sometime in the afternoon at the exact same time across six time zones every Canadian would be listening to the

fight with poutine. Imagine

radio - CBC, CHUM FM, local, national, short-wave - every radio in the country is on with the volume turned up high about to broadcast the same prerecorded 60-minute program.

Then you would hear the voice of a very special Canadian - maybe Chris Hadfield from the space station or Jian Ghomeshi from 'Q' or Farley Mowat from a town called Port Hope - make a very brief and simple introduction. And then ... and then, for one glorious bour this great nation kicks back and together, each hearing the same lyrics at the same time and singing and yelling and yes, crying our eyes out at the words that all at once bring lumps to our throats and swells to our hearts and make us proud and for 60 magical minutes make us one. Canadians hand-in-hand whole, Canadians singularly connected like never before.

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THOMAS

A Canada Day Stompin' Tom concert

FROM PAGE 4

And the playlist goes like The girls are out to Bingo and the boys are gettin' stinko And we think no more of

Inco on a Sudbury Saturday All around the lakes of the north, we will sit out on our docks and let the sounds

of Canada carry across the water "It's Bud the Spud from the bright red mud,

Rollin' down the highway smiling. The spuds are big on the

back of Bud's rig. And they're from Prince Edward Island. They're from Prince Edward Island.'

We will frolic on beaches from Cane Breton to Lake Erie to the isles of Queen Charlotte - one long conga line dancing to the beat of our favorite drummer how, the one with the black

cowboy hat. "She loves the way it feels, driving snowmobiles, And laughing at her dates when they don't know how to

David Barrick

She knows her hockey games and the players of the world.

She's an all Canadian. northern lady. A real Canadian girl.

In cities and towns we will open our windows and let the story of this great nation echo down every street and avenue. We will picnic in parks and sit clapping on coolers as the words that bring our birthright front and

centre, roll over us in joy. "Now there is one thing you can always bet If I never smoke another cigarette.

I might get taken in a lot of deals But I won't go workin' the tobacco fields of

Tillsonhure, Tillsonhure. My back still aches when I hear that word ... Tillsonburg. And the hockey song? Are

you kidding me? We will see grown men sobbing with their hands over their hearts to the lyrics of the good ol' hockey game, the best game you can name?

"Hello out there, we're on the air, it's 'Hockey Night' tonight.

Tension grows, the whistle blows and the nuck goes down the ice.

The goalie jumps, and the players bump, and the fans all go insane. Someone roars, "Bobby

Scores!" at the good of Hockey

Oh yeah, this is absolutely doable, a Canada Day Stompin' Tom concert with a 'standing O' by 30 million fans. The man who bled Maple Leafred, is dead. He courageously sang out loud what the rest of us felt and couldn't say because

we're Canadian eh? Unsophisticated? Yeah, but so were we 146 years ago. You don't need to

love his songs, you just need to love this country half as much as he did. At the end of the hour we turn off our radios, we put our bottles of beer down and we stand while we

sing, altogether now ... "Oh Canada, our home and ... Yes, it is time we all learned

Seriously, send copies of this column to every politician, disc jockey and every social network nut in the nation. Send the column to every Canadian you know and three you don't. I look forward to singing with you: "I know the times are changing, factories closing down. But if you stay and help us, we can turn these things around. But if you don't believe your country should come before yourself, va can better serve your country, by living somewhere

the words by heart.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Niagara Regional Police ioin Twitter marathon

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI OMI Agency Niagara

Did vou know Niagara Regional Police answered 119.285 calls in 2012? How about that there were

more than 50 uniformed cops patrolling Niagara Friday? Those are some of the facts the police force divulged in 140 characters or less as the NRP joined a worldwide police Tweet-a-thon. Local cops joined police forces around the globe sending out their mes-

sages across social media. Most of the NRP's Tweets focused on factoids. They let Twitter followers know they cover about 1,850 square kilometres across 12 municipalities, advised motorists to leave

a bigger gap between cars and slow down when driving at night or in rotten weather.

And they posted a photo from a Thursday night chan'ty basketball game in which a police team took on a crew of high school students.

Their Tweets could be found on account @ NiagRegPolice or by sifting through hashtag #poltwt, which was flooded with Tweets from a range of police agencies by Friday evening. Around 7 p.m., the force's

Twitter account praised the outbreak of Tweeting "Great example of police agencies working together. Happens all the time!" they



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MAYORS FOR MEALS

Volunteer run provides food for thought

VICTORIA GRAY InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -People who received food from Meals on Wheels Wednesday might have been shocked to see their mayor

making deliveries. Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs spent the afternoon delivering meals to constituents with Meals on Wheels volunteers Doug and Hilda Barrick, for

new residents and hear some

Mayors for Meals Day. "I think it's an important program to the community," leffs said. "I could meet some

of their opinions or issues." Meals on Wheels Port

Colborne has about 100 volunteers and delivers residents one hot meal a day. They also offer frozen meals for residents who prefer to eat the meal at dinner time or to supplement their nutrition

on the weekend. Meals on Wheels program manager Kim Beauparlant said the service helps to keep

seniors in their homes longer and gives families piece of mind "Sometimes the volunteer who delivers meals might be the only person a client sees

all day and it gives families the knowledge that somebody is going to that persons house one a day every day and they can call family or 911 if something is wrong,"

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey was scheduled to attend, but due to a recent knee surgery was unable to take part. Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn and Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe also took part in Mayors for

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CAFES FOR SENIORS PORT COLBORNE - The Seniors Advisory Committee of Port Colborne is collaborating with local senior centres, Port Cares and Bridges Community Health Centre to present a series of cafe gatherings for seniors this spring. The cafes will provide information and advice from knowledgeable sources such as Niagara Regional Police Services, Gatekeepers Niagara, Community Legal Services of Niagara South and Port Colborne's own senior's advocate, Jack O'Neil.

Cafe topics include Consumer Issues, such as frauds and scams - Wednesday, April 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., L.R. Wilson Archives Building,

286 King St., Port Colborne ■ Wills and Powers of Attorney Wednesday, May 22, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte St., Port Colborne ■ Senior Motorist Driving Seminar delivered in French – Wednesday, June

19.1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Le Centre des Aines Francophones, 184 Mitchell St., Port Colborne All sessions are 'no cost" and registration is not required. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Port Colborne community services

department at 905-834-1668.

NEW PROGRAMS PORT COLBORNE - Bridges Community Health Centre is offering new programs starting in April that focus on laughter, mindfulness, and chronic

Laughter as Medicine is an engaging workshop that looks at the importance

of laughter as a life skill. Learn about its multiple benefits and how to make it an attitude and approach that you use in your everyday life. The session will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m A Mindfulness-based approach to coping can be of benefit to anyone and is proven to be very helpful for people with chronic pain, anxiety or depression.

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orientation/registration session will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The full program will start on Wednesday. May 8,3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Programs are no-cost, and open to all residents of Port Colborne and Wainfleet. Space is limited; to register, please call 289-479-5017 ext. 2421. Programs will be held in the community room at 177 King St., Port Colborne. For a full listing

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■ COURT: Decision on setback bylaw lawsuit expected in four to six weeks

Wind lawsuit now in the judge's hands

DAN DAKIN OMI Agency Niagara

WAINFLEET - A lawsuit over a controversial bylaw related to a wind turbine development in Wainfleet is now in the hands of a judge. Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs said she expects to hear six weeks over whether a two-kilometre setback bylaw enacted by her town council will be allowed to stand.

"If it's completely quashed, we're going to have a lot of disappointed people in Wainfleet and across the province," she said.

The lawsuit is the result of

Wainfleet town council last year that would force wind turbines to be built at least two kilometres from homes or property lines. That bylaw was an attempt to overrule the 550-metre setback rule

put in place under Ontario's Green Energy Act.

development company led by Niagara developer Tom Rankin, who believes the two-kilometre setback bylaw is illegal under the GEA.

The company plans to build five industrial wind turbines on property leased

from private landowners.

over the past few months, but last week the case was turned

over to Justice Robert Reid. Wainfleet chief administrative officer Scott Luev said it was initially thought it could take up to six months for a verdict to be reached, but the township's lawyer said the judge would

Lucy believes the verdict will be a clear yes or no. rather than some sort of middle ground.

"I think the bylaw will be rendered null and void if we're not successful, or upheld if we are successful," he sald.

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Losing case will be costly

Jeffs acknowledges that losing the case could be a costly result, both financially and politically.

to approach \$120,000, been walking into town and if it loses the case, hall to offer help. Wainfleet Wind Energy drive the cost closer to \$250,000

"It might make a short number of people." political career for me, but I would regret it if we didn't fight it because of the genuine concern of the community," Jeffs side.

"We get labeled as dan.dakin@sunmedia.ca

NIMBYs, but it's not. There are people who genuinely are worried about this. And once

they're up, they're up." A legal fund has been set up and the mayor township are expected said private citizens have

"When that started is expected to ask for its happening, I was really legal fees to be covered surprised. You don't as well, which could hear of that too often, she said. "It shows how important this is to a

Whatever the outcome of the lawsuit. Lucy said he expects an appeal to be filed by the losing





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Head lice is a very common problem that can affect anyone. Head lice are tiny insects that are the size of a sesame seed. They live on the scalp of humans where they feed on blood and lay their eggs (nits). Young lice are transparent but as they feed on blood they become reddish brown or black in colour. Nits are whitish-orey tan, or yellow ovals about the size of a grain of sand.

To check for head lice look at the back of the head at the base of the skull. Diagnosis of a lice infestation requires detection of a living louse. The presence of nits alone is a sign of a past infestation and may not indicate an active infestation. You may not be able to see the actual lice but you can probably snot the nits which will be attached to the shaft of the hair, usually in a tear drop shape. The farther the nits are away from the scalp indicates the longer the individual has been infected.

Head lice can not fly or jump from one person to another. They can move quickly and transmission occurs through close contact with an infected individual. Sharing hats brushes, combs, or pillows, can spread head lice. Also, when children are playing together and they have close head to head contact they can transmit head lice. To help avoid them advise your child not to try on dress-up clothes at school, and to tuck their hat and mittens in their coat when they are not wearing them.

There are a couple of treatment options available over the counter in Canada. These include Nix, Kwellada-P, R&C, and Resultz, Nix, Kwellada-P, and R&C contain insecticides. Resultz contains ingredients that are not classified as traditional insecticides that work by dissolving the wax that covers the exoskeleton of head lice causing subsequent dehydration and death. All of the products are considered safe if they are used as directed.

Do not rinse the products while your child is in the bath to avoid over exposure to the active ingredients. Read the instructions on the packaging carefully. Some products must be applied to dry hair and others to wet hair. All close contacts to the infected individual should be treated regardless if lice can be detected on them or not. Also, the affected individual should be retreated within in 7 to 10 days of the first infestation. In addition to using an OTC product, manual removal of lice and nits is necessary. The hair should be inspected in one inch segments. A fine-toothed come can be used to comb out remaining live lice and nits. This may need to be repeated several times throughout the week. Not doing proper manual removal can cause failure of treatment

Wash all hedding, stuffed animals and soft toys in the washer and dry in a hot dryer. Vacuum areas that can not be washed. Do not use mayonnaise, petroleum lelly, olive oil, margarine, or other natural products. There is little evidence to prove efficacy and/or safety.

If all of the steps are followed and the lice persist, they may be resistant to traditional treatment. In some cases the individual can be prescribed an antibiotic (trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole) which will kill the lice when they take blood from the host. Another option is to try permethrin 5% cream left on the head overnight. If you run into treatment resistant lice you will need to contact your physician before these methods are attempted.

Although lice can be troublesome and time consuming to treat, most problems can be solved by following the directions of the products and being persistent in making sure the problem is eradicated.

For further information on lice treatment please come and speak to your pharmacist.



■ REAL ESTATE: Westside sale raises questions



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

No hints yet about arena property

MADVANNE EIDTH InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Intentions for the former Westside Arena property have

yet to be revealed. It was announced in late February that a deal had

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been struck between the City of Port Colborne and a numbered company, 1844835 Ontario Inc., for the property to the tune of \$275,000 - its estimated market value. Royal LePage salesperson Margaret Ann Giganti, who is overseeing the sale, con-

firmed it is a Port Colbornebased developer who is working to purchase the property, although she could not divulge the man's identity.

"He's shared with me bis intentions to make the property more commercially viable," she said, adding the sale is not yet finalized and is not expected to be completed for about three months.

The arena was decommissioned in mid-February fol-lowing the opening of Port Colborne's Vale Health and Wellness Centre, which has

two ice rinks Giganti said she does not believe the developer is leaning toward turning the property into residential space, but she does not know for

word yet on the developer's plans for the former arena building and whether it will be salvaged or demolished. The land is zoned public and park and will likely

approval.

"He wants to do whatever's moet viable Giganti said there's also no

require rezoning for the developer to move forward. A rezoning application would go through the public meeting process and appear before city council for its



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South Niagara hospital needed **ASAP, mayors say**



MUSSION PANCEDS QMI Agency Niagara Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin discusses the Canadian Motor Speedway as Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey, Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs and Pelham Mayor

Dave Augustyn look on.

MAYORS MEET

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Doug Martin, Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati.

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ALISON LANGLEY **OMI Agency Niagara**

NIAGARA FALLS - With the official opening of the new St. Catharines hospital just days away, the six mayors of Niagara's southern tier last Friday shared a collective message they plan to take to Queen's

We're saying we're looking forward to a new southern Niagara hospital."

Dave Augustyn Pelham Mayor

"We're saving we are looking forward to a new southern Niagara hospital," said Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn. We want to be clear

to the (Local Health Integration Network). the premier and the (Niagara Health System)...fund it, and build it as soon as possible."

Augustyn and five other mayors spoke to a chamber of commerce luncheon at the Scotlabank Convention Centre Friday, providing an undate on the state of Niagara southern municipalities, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Welland, Port Colborne, Pelham and



Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin gave an update on the Canadian Motor Speedway, a \$400-mil-Martin said lion proposed development whose most recent obstacle was an appeal of the Ontario

Municipal Board's favourable ruling from 2012. An appeal of that OMB decision was heard in Toronto Thursday and Martin said he was confident the outcome will be in

favour of the speedway. "We're looking forward to a favourable response by the OMB,

The OMB decision is expected to be handed down in a few weeks After that, a confident Martin said, he hopes to have an official ground-breaking

ceremony in May followed by 18 months of construction. "Hopefully, we'll see our first race in 2015. he said.

The speedway, he added, is a "great project not just for the town of Fort Erie but

the region itself." In addition to Augustyn and Martin, Niagara Falls Mayor Iim Diodati, Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe, Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey and Wainfleet Mayor April Teffs made formal presentations during the event which was hosted by the chambers of commerce

from each respective

Unity was the key

theme with each mayor agreeing to work together to support growth and prosperity in each municipality. "We're on this journev together for a greater Niagara," Jeffs

"We're sending a message to the world that Niagara is open for

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PORT COLBORNE - Forget the water. Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (POCOMAR) is

heading for the green. The all-volunteer Canadian Coast Guard auxiliary unit is hosting its fifth annual Jim Gram Tribute Golf Tournament at Whisky Run Golf Club on June 22.

The tournament acts as the group's main fundraiser for the year and supports upgrades to necessary safety equipment and maintenance.

Welland River part of complex watershed

InPort News Staff

WELLAND - A flood plain expert has recommended that the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) hold off on conducting a peer review of new floodplain Canada. lines for the Welland River.

Slobodan P. Simonovic. a University of Western professor was brought on board by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority to review the NPCA's proposed new flood sloshes up the river. plain mapping. He presented his findings to the NPCA and members of the Welland River Floor Plain Review and Implantation Committee last week during a board meeting. Welland Mayor Barry

Sharpe, a member of the floodplain committee, said he thought Simonovic's presentation was informa-

tive, however, he didn't agree the peer review, which is already underway. should be halted.

In his presentation, Simonovic noted the proposed floodplain map is part of one of the most complex watersheds in

One of the reasons why it is complex is because of the role Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has in the process. Each day water flowing in and out of a power canal at Chippawa

He said an analysis of the existing and proposed flood plain should be completed to look at possible impacts, land uses and climate change. He said the entire watershed, not just the central part concerning the current proposed flood map

plans, should be studied. Slobodan also said he

recommended that the OPG, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, all municipalities affected by the flood plain mapping as well as the public be involved with

the process. Sharpe agreed public participation is important, and noted that several representatives, including residents are a part of the floodplain committee.

Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs also said she thought the presentation was informative, but it left more

The NPCA has drawn criticism since new flood-Aquafor Beech Ltd., which studied the river and its flow from Hamilton to the Niagara River.

maps that haven't been changed since 1985. "I've heard a lot of residents (in Wainfleet) say they don't want it," Jeffs

questions to be asked. plain mapping lines were proposed by consultant leffs said the new lines undate existing floodplain

floodplain maps which

SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe stands on the bridge at Prince Charles Drive over the Welland

extend considerably further than existing floodplain lines. Residents have told her

ommended holding off on a peer review of the plans until the entire watershed was studied. Jeffs disagreed

lines, Jeffs said.

Waiting to study the entire watershed would lengthen the process considerably, and she isn't sure it would be worthwhile in the end to pursue

they have never seen water What she is hoping for is even close to the proposed a "thorough peer review" completed with "a lot of Although Simonovic recpublic input." A drainage committee

meeting will be held on April 18 at Wainfleet Fire Hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. On the agenda that night, Jeffs said she will be giving an update about floodplain mapping and she encourages everyone who is concerned to attend.

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it. Jeffs said.



III HIGH SCHOOL

News from Port High



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PORT COLBORNE -March break arrived at Port Colborne and the school celebrated. March 8 was the beginning

of the holiday and second period classes hay day were interrupted by an assembly for the Grade 9 and 10 students. The assembly involved children from the elementary feeder schools in the high school environment.

"The morning assembly was to further our connection with the Grade 7 and 8 students who are future Blue Bears. The morning was a basketball game between the high school staff and the ele-

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attended were Winger Public School, William E. Brown Public School, McKay Public School, Oakwood Public School, Dewitt Carter Public School, and Steele Street Public School," said guidance counsellor Barclay Walker.

school was split up into different activity rooms for the students. In the cafeteria, there were board games and video games. In the science rooms, there was movies playing such as Breaking Dawn Part 2 and The Avengers. Finally, there was a basketball game and a dodgeball game in the

After the assembly, the

Farrah Glabb, student council prime minister, said, "Student council had a lot of

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two gyms.

Break with a great afternoon at Port High. Student council hones that many students will show up to this event and

encourage much school spirit." *Being a Blue Bear is more than going to Port High, it is about having school spirit. Student council wanted to have a fun afternoon for the students to kick off the March Break with as much school spirit as possible," said member Madison Napper.

PORT COLBORNE - A great message was delivered to the students of Port Colborne High recently. Representatives of the Nlagara Region Sexual Assault Centre came and spoke with the students of Tanya Carl's



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PORT HIGH

50% if people know someone who has been sexually assaulted

FROM PAGE 17

Suzanne Mason and an assistant from Brock University, came to deliver the message of the negative effects and some misconceptions of sexual assault.

Mason started her presentation by describing what company she works for, Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, and what its goal is. The organization helps children and adult

the organization neeps children and actuit who have been sexually assaulted. This is done by extensive counseiling. The goal of the organization was originally to counsel these people, but now its goal is more focused to the prevention of sexual assault.

She then handed out a sheet of paper that explains what sexual assault, consent, and date rape drugs are. There was also a contact sheet that gave a list of numbers for someone has been sexually abused to call. Meson handed out a survey that assed questions about sexual assault. She said that around handed that a survey that assed to the same that around sexually seasualled. Fifty percent also know someone who has committed these crimes. Nlagara Region Sexual Assault Centre

Nasgara Region Sexual Assault Centre strides to prevent attacks by going to schools and spreading the message of where consent ends and where assault begins. It also spreads the message that if you are assaulted then it is Ok to tell people and it does not have to be bottled up. Presentations as young as Grade one and to as old as Grade 12.

young as Grade one and to as old as Grade 12. Mason herself focuses with high school

students.

She said that the reaction of the students at Port High was mature and positive. When asked of other positive experiences and she recalled a time that she was in a school in Grimsby and she performed her presentation, she jogged a positive reac-

tion with the students. These students also gave her another view to look at with sexual assault. She also stated that she is generally impressed with classrooms reactions. When asked for any final statements, Mason replied by saying, 7 want to empha-

size it is important that people take care of their friends and have each other's backs, if you're out at a perty or a ber and someone is drunk or has been drugged, you have to make sure you get that person home safely.' If you need to contact Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre can call 90-582-7258 or call the 24 hour crisis line at 905-682-

4584. The Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre is on 43 Church Street, Suite 503 in St. Catharines. Ontario.

Artist Dean Tedesco recently spoke with teacher Dawn Mayne's class regarding an art gallery that will be hang up their work for their cumulating project.

The art hanging will be held on April 20th to April 21st at Arts Place on 714 King St. It is an annual event. The goal of the event is to promote Earth Week in April. The organization that is running the event is Community

The organization was created in 2008 and this annual art gallery was created in 2009. The goal of this art show is to use recycled materials to create art. He brought many different sculptures made of different materials.

Any form of art will be there from sculptures to paintings and poems to acting scenes. Prizes will be rewarded to topical artists who have made extraordinary

When asked if he had inspirational words, Tedesco said, "When do everyday objects in your life come together and become art? The answer is when you say so."



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■ SOUP FEST: Eight soups served at Port Cares annual fundraising event



Grade 11 Port Colborne High School students Shana Myshrall, front left, and Brianna Booker joined others from Lakeshore Catholic High School, Niagara College and Port Cares Food Services program, serving hundreds of people all the delicious soup they could eat during Port Cares' for

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ALLAN BENNER

PORT COLBORNE — There's more than just nourishment in a bowl of good

than just nourishment in a bowl of good soup.
"It's that whole idea of comfort and warmth," said Port Cares' development officer Pam Swick Janjack. It's the idea that you have a nice hot meal."

an annual event Port Cares started four years ago to raise funds for its Reach Out Food Centre and Client Services Program. Neither of those programs receives government funding.

"We do get some grants for those, but there is no regular funding," she said. "And those are obviously the two (programs) with the highest need right now."

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It was also the idea behind Soup Fest, see SOUP | page 21



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More than 220 took part in annual event

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Despite the lack of government support, there was plenty of community support for them.

More than 220 people visited St. Patrick's church hall last Friday to taste seven different soups prepared by students from PortColborne High School. Lakeshore Catholic High School, Niagara College Canadian Food and Wine Institute and Port Cares Food Service Associate Program. The menu included Port High's chicken wing soup, Portuguese fish chowder prepared by students from Lakeshore, Niagara College's beef and barley soup, and the Ukrainian red borscht prepared

by students of Port Cares. Swick Janjac hoped to bring in about \$2,500, although there were a few empty chairs at an event that normally sells-out. She susnects a date change due to Easter, as well as a conflicting event - the Mayor's of South Niagara Luncheon - may have lured a few of the usual

guests away. For the students that participated, as well as their teachers, the event was a great experience, said Joel Culliford, Port High's culinary

arts teacher. "The students get to see what serving is like, having to serve a large amount of people quickly," he said.

Culliford said the event

Although Culliford said his students also prepare food for their fellow students in the cafeteria, they don't usually have an opportunity to serve the food they prepare. By participating in the event, it gives the students a better understanding of the entire process.

also gave him an opportunity to spend time with his peers from Lakeshore Catholic, Niagara College and Port Cares Food Service Associate

Dmaram "We only see each other once a year," he said. "We catch up and when you get

chefs together, we all want to try each other's soups." Lakeshore teacher Joe Fabiano said his students were "very excited" about the opportunity to participate in

"They're very excited and they find it very rewarding. We've been doing this from Day 1, and we plan ahead for this," he added.

"We've given up a few hours of our day to come out and be part of an event that is going to help out ... the people in Port Colborne that really need it."



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Niagara College culinary arts student Jeremy Gilligan, right, hands a steaming bowl of beef barley soup to Mark Feduck during Port Cares' fourth annual Soup Fest, Friday.



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Coast Guard auxiliary recruiting volunteers

MARYANNE FIRTH InPort News Staff

WELLAND - With wide eyes and a quick toot, it scooted around Seaway Mall with once The lack of water was no challenge for the remote-

acted as a real attentiongrabber for Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (POCOMAR)

> The volunteer organization used the fun toy to lure visitors over to its booth on

bers worked to promote water safety and entice new

recruits POCOMAR was on scene in conjunction with the mall's annual boat show, which

runs until Sunday.

Its members will be hosting various demonstrations.

including knot-tying and charting, throughout the week and are encouraging people to stop by. We're always looking for new recruits," said executive officer Melanie Gendreau, who was hoping to spread word about POCOMAR and the work that it does

"We're available for any on-water needs. If your boat breaks down, if someone's in the water, we're there," she

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary unit, with 34 active volunteer members, covers a wide geographic area on Lake Erie, from the Niagara River to Port Maitland, Members' ages range from 19 to 85.

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Home Show is Ready To Roll!!.. NEWS RELEASE - For Immediate Rele

Niagara Ulestyle Home Show - Seymour-Hannal
 St. Paul St. W., St. Catherines, Merch 28 to 30, 2013

is just about ready to roll for another great year! This year the show runs on Easter weekend - Thursday, Good Finday and Saturday but not on Easter Sunday. The show speris two NHL size series and is full of great bergains for your home and lifestyle. The home show dates are March 28, 29, 30 of St. Catharines' Seymour-Hannah Sportsplex et 240 St. Paul St. W. The new multi million dollar facility has lots of close, tree perking, is wheel chair accessible, is

in, new and bright and it has a terrific restou ceen, new end origint and it nee a termic ressourant inside.

Thursday is a very special day for seniors at the Home Show! Right from
the Grand Opening at 3 p.m. seniors will receive 1./2 price admission all day. Thursday as part of the "Saluta To Seniors" day. Minimum charge for seniors is \$2.50 (ccupons and other promotional offers are not valid in conjuntion with

the seniors discount "Last year on the Good Friday we set on all time one day alt ord. It is a great fun, informative and inexpensive outing for the whole

family " stated show menoner Dove Jackins of Jackins Show Productions. celebrate the 26th anniversary of the home show in St. Catharines on lucky visitor to the show will win a fantastic electric bike valued at over \$2900. courtesy of GoGreen Ecyclesi. Other great prizes to be won include: a \$500. ointered dinner for six in your home counts y of Saledmaster - plus one of two prizes of a one cubic yard of rich garden mix soil delivered to your home

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Come annoy a unique presentation by Merk Cullen "Canada's best kno dener on Saturday 2 p.m. at the home show. Pick up some great tips to

getting your garden in shape this spring. ming this year is the popular Niegera Food Festival Mobile Culin Theatre. This amazing kitchen on wheels will feature all kinds of fresh and

will also be exhibiting at the show and offering tremendous deals on new high efficiency eir conditioners and furnaces. Saving money on our heating/cooling bills and gas bills can be quite significant with new equipment. The Home Show is the place to come and discover everything that is new

healthy cooking ideas presented by local chefel Returning as a major sponeor of the show is Relience Home Comfort who skylights, window coverings, weter fitstion, bathroom accessories, fireplace chicopistors, benking, RRSP advice, resorts, and some terrific demonstration

and exciting for your home for 2013. It spans two huge NHL size rinks full of everything imaginable for your home. (when you come into the building the home show this spring is in the two rinks to the left insteed of the two rinks or the right). You can check out the lastest trands and take advantage of some terrific one-time show speciels that can really save you money. All in one

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The Home Show is very proud to have two critical modus sponsors again this year - The St. Cetharines Standard Newspeper and 105.7 FM - EZ Rock. Local ashibitors have been working hard planning and building their exhibits for this once-e-year service reunion of the Negera Region's premier home-stated firms. As well as assing the chiam-of-the-crop of local companies it is also e place to shop, compere and save! You can see and

company quality and workmanable and make an informed busine decision at The Grand Opening of the Home Show is Thursday, March 28 at 3 p.m. "A lot of home owners prefer to come on Thursday because there is more room to move in the aisles, selection is excellent and exhibitors are fresh because

the show has just opened' stated Jenkins.

Watch for the Home Show Strollers Band who invite you to sing along and make requests! Some of the hundreds of products and services you'll see at the Niegare Lifestyle Home Show include: replacement windows and doors, lendscapers fumeces, air conditioners, rooters, home builders, kitchen and ballroom renovators, gerden centres, petio covers, lumber yards, home security systems, a huge discounted artwork display, basement waterproofing, shutters, rubberized surfacing, adjustable beds, Pedoo Foot Caro Clinc, direct to home processes seniors residences, toem insulation, electricans, recoding options, awnings, real estate, decks, fending, gezebos, retaining wells, curbing, City Of St.Catharines building department and City services, Issun services, Cogeco, spes, upholstery, cookware, resorts, bethfub refinishing custom carporatry, flooring, door screens, surrooms and solariums, bottled water, eir litration, painters, upholsters, Direct Buy, garage doors, siding,

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being pressured to replace their water heaters unnecessarily by sales people claiming they are Reflance representatives but are not. Homeowners are being "deels" that may trap them in long term contracts with punifive exit

Show hours ere Thursday Merch 28, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Good Friday Me 29 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. end Saturday Merch 30, 10 e.m. to 5 p.m. General admission is \$5, admission for youths 13 to 18 is \$2 and children 12 and under are admitted true when accompanied by an adult. Seniors ere 1/2 price

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